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Ledbetter et al.)	Art Group: TO BE ASSIGNED
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For: BINDING CONSTRUCTS)	
AND METHODS OF USE)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This application was originally filed with claims. Please cancel claims 110- 413 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any of these claims in this application at a later date, or in a related application.

As such, claims 1-109, are now pending. Four of the now pending claims are independent. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to debit our Deposit Account No. 02-4553 in the amount of \$1,213.00. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit or credit said Deposit Account No. 02-4553 for any fees due in connection with this filing.